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### LLWC Women of Excellence Awards Nominees

**Baton Rouge, Louisiana** –The Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus is pleased to announce the nominees for its 2009 Women of Excellence Awards. The categories for this year's awards are: Arts & Culture, Banking & Finance, Education & Research, Faith-Based Initiatives, Health & Medicine, Volunteerism & Civic Involvement and Young Woman of Excellence (ages 16 to 23). This annual awards program recognizes and honors the professional achievements and contributions of extraordinary women who personify excellence in their area of specialty, integrity, character and community service.

The Women of Excellence nominees by category are:

#### Arts & Culture:

Margo Jackson DuBos – New Orleans  
Rachel L. Emanuel – Baton Rouge  
Priscilla Lawrence – New Orleans

#### Banking & Finance:

Jacquelyn Reed – Baton Rouge  
Kimberly Lewis Robinson – Baton Rouge  
Helen Godfrey Smith – Shreveport

#### Education & Research:

Charmaine Caccioppi – New Orleans  
Julia Chan – Baton Rouge  
Beth Courtney – Baton Rouge  
Patricia Flad Edmiston – Covington  
Yvette Jones – New Orleans  
Alexina A. Medley – New Orleans

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**Education & Research (continued):**

Teri Noel – Reserve  
Charlotte D. Placide – Baton Rouge  
Patrice Pujol – Donaldsonville  
Ollie S. Tyler – Baton Rouge

**Faith-Based Initiatives:**

Lisa A. Blakes – New Orleans  
Frances L. Hawkins – New Orleans  
LaDonna Jarden – Deridder  
Natalie A. Jayroe – New Orleans  
Cary Biggs Kearny – Baton Rouge  
Deborah A. Roe – Baton Rouge  
Pastor Carolyn R. Treaudo – Marrero  
Madeline Doucet West – New Orleans

**Health and Medicine:**

Laurinda Calongne – Baton Rouge  
Renea Duffin – Baton Rouge  
Dr. Cheri LeBlanc – Baton Rouge  
Evalyn Ormond – Farmerville  
Wendy Roy – Alexandria

**Volunteerism & Civic Involvement:**

Frances B. Bennett – Baton Rouge  
Pinki Diwan – Baton Rouge  
Gail Parker Gowland – Chalmette  
Felicia Kahn – New Orleans  
Carol McMichael Reese, Ph.D. – New Orleans  
Sadie Roberts-Joseph – Baton Rouge  
Florence W. Schornstein – New Orleans  
Faith Farlough -- Reserve

**Young Woman of Excellence  
(age 16 to 23):**

Gabrielle Freels – New Orleans  
Shivani Gupta – New Orleans  
Sarah Miller – Lafayette  
Destani Len Parker -- Baker

The Women of Excellence Awards' recipients will be announced Friday, February 27, 2009. Awards will be presented at the LLWC Women of Excellence Awards Gala in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on Wednesday, May 6, 2009.

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